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RE: Request for Information W028761-072419

Dear Mr. Freskos:

This letter responds to your request for information to the City of McAllen, dated and received in our office on 7/24/2019. Information Requested: *McAllen Police Department Texas Public Information Act Office 1601 North Bicentennial Boulevard McAllen, TX 78501 July 24, 2019* This is a follow up to a previous request: *This request was originally submitted via email. It was never acknowledged. Due to issues with the original communication method, we are now directing this request to you. To Whom It May Concern: I wanted to follow up on the following request, copied below, which was initially sent to the email address "cdiaz@mcallen.net". Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response. Thanks for your help and let me know if further clarification is needed. Filed via MuckRock.com --- On Feb. 24, 2017: Subject: Public Information Act Request: Stolen Firearm Stats, McAllen, TX Hi, Under the state public records law, I am a journalist writing to request data from your department as part of a national project on stolen firearms. Can your department please provide the following: 1) Number of guns that were stolen in each 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 and 2016. 2) Number of guns that were stolen from motor vehicles in each 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. For both Nos. 1 and 2, we are only seeking the number of guns stolen for each year, not police reports or any other details. If possible, please include only the number of stolen firearms, not lost firearms. If lost firearms must be included, please advise us. I am a reporter with The Trace (thetrace.org), a nonprofit news organization, making this request through MuckRock's public records request management service. These figures will be made available to the general public. This request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. Please make all invoices out to The Trace. I would prefer the request be completed electronically and the information sent to me here or this email: foia@thetrace.org If information must be sent by mail, please send to the following address: The Trace (WeWork) Attn: Brian Freskos 428 Broadway New York, NY 10013 Thank you for your help with filling this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at (919) 522-6354. Thank you, Brian Freskos Filed via MuckRock.com E-mail (Preferred): 33971-62590558@requests.muckrock.com Upload documents directly: https://accounts.muckrock.com/accounts/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.muckrock.com%2Faccounts%2Flogin%2F%3Fnext%3D%252Faccounts%252Fagency\_login%252Fmcallen-police-department-417%252Fstolen-firearm-stats-mcallen-tx-33971%252F%253Femail%253Ddsilva%252540mcallen.net&url\_auth\_token=AAAd3M1EZmpsZdMgeS*

*BOeozmJpA%3A1hqLoT%3AuLLyMqE3i4Ybw9-44DVZHSd5fiM Is this email coming to the wrong contact? Something else wrong? Use the above link to let us know. For mailed responses, please address (see note): MuckRock News DEPT MR 33971 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516 PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable. Other.*

The City of McAllen has reviewed your request. We routed your request to the Police Department. There is no responsive information to your request.

The City of McAllen strictly adheres to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552 (Formerly Open Records Act), and the interpretative opinions of the Texas Attorney General and the courts. The information you have requested does not exist in record form. The Texas Public Information Act does not require the City to produce documents that are not in existence. You are welcome to submit another request. You may also contact our office with any questions.

Sincerely,



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